

**RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL  
RETARDATION, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES THROUGH COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT AND TO CHANGE NAME OF DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Georgia, pursuant to O.C.G.A § 37-2-6.4, has allowed counties to elect to provide mental health services through the county government; and

**WHEREAS**, Fulton County Government currently provides its mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services through its Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse ("Department of Mental Health"), which is a unit of the Fulton County Government; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to continue to provide such mental health services through its Department of Mental Health; and

**WHEREAS**, Fulton County Government currently has an entity designated as a mental health, mental retardation, substance abuse community service board which acts solely as an advisory body to the Fulton County Government on issues relating to the provision of mental health services, and not as a "community service board" as defined by the Georgia Department of Human Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, each mental health care clinic operated by the Department of Mental Health currently has an entity at the clinic level to act as community advisory body; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to clarify its intent to provide mental health services through Fulton County's Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse, and not through the entity currently designated as Fulton County's mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse community service board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to change the name of Fulton County's Department of Mental Health to the "Department of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases" to conform to the official name change adopted by the State Department of Human Resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby makes its formal election to continue providing mental health services through the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse a unit of Fulton County Government.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Fulton County's mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse community service board, created as an advisory board, be dissolved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the community advisory body at each clinic operated by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse be allowed to continue in its existing advisory role to the Department of Mental Health.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse, be renamed the Fulton County Department of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolution in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

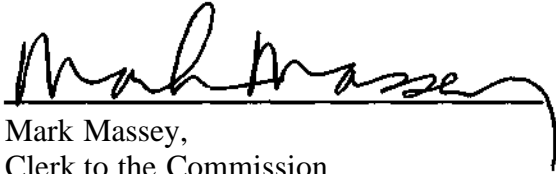
**SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,  
Georgia this 24 Day of NOVEMBER, 2002.

ADOPTED:



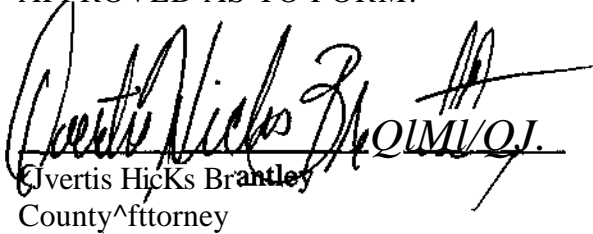
Mike Kenn, Chairman  
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Mark Massey,  
Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Overtis Hicks Brantley  
County Attorney

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